(b) and (c) In view of the reserves position and the need to sustain mining activities, a judicious use of iron ore for domestic purpose and export is a rational approach. Realisation from export depends on international market trend of demand and supply at a given time.

NREGA in North-Eastern States

*157. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of employment generated upto 15th July, 2006, by application of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in different districts, State-wise;

(b) the number of districts where NREGA has been in force;

(c) the number of new districts to be included in the programme during the current financial year; and

(d) whether all the districts of the North-Eastern States would be considered for inclusion in the NREGA programme considering the serious backwardness of this region?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANASH PRASAD SINGH): (a) A State-wise status report giving the number of persons provided employment is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) NREGA has been implemented in 200 identified districts in the country.

(c) and (d) As provided in Section 1(3) of the NREG Act, the Act shall be applicable in the whole country within a period of five years from the date of enactment of the Act. 200 districts have been identified by the Planning Commission for the implementation of the Act in its first phase. Extension of programme to additional districts will be considered during the course of financial year.

Statement

Progress of implementation of National Rural Exployment Guarantee Act

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Districts	Job cards issued	Employment demanded	Employment provided
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	13	4106477	721868	705822
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	17480		

1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Assam	7	104383	11205	6990
4	Bihar	23	1071522	533009	505281
5	Chhattisgarh	11	1534636	165245	162480
6	Gujarat	6	597028	73791	73791
7	Haryana	2	76421	20261	15573
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	62408	29080	24848
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3	159158	20261	20261
10	Jharkhand	20	1205239	501388	501388
11	Karnataka	5	315412	118810	66530
12	Kerala	2			
13	Madhya Pradesh	18	4144413	1913133	1804953
14	Maharashtra	12	1094659	192867	183075
15	Manipur	1	17880	45172	45172
16	Meghalaya	2			
17	Mizoram	2	29016	14508	
18	Nagaland	1	27884	7679	
19	Orissa	19	1900553	577814	563681
20	Punjab	1	36498	39318	21284
21	Rajasthan	6	1423013	853061	846263
22	Sikkim	1	4323	1060	
23	Tamil Nadu	6	535519	86625	82009
24	Tripura	1	58114	20148	16218
25	Uttar Pradesh	22	2122093	807864	779611
26	Uttaranchal	3	187029	13522	11178
27	West Bengal	10	1149145	646412	495493
	TOTAL	200	21980303	7414101	6931901

#Blank spaces in the table denote information not received from States/nil information received from States

Hide-outs of terrorists in Maharashtra

†*158. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some hide-outs of terrorists were unearthed in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra, recently;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested so far in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.